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SUBJ: ABC TELEVISION TEAM'S REPORT ON NORTHWEST CAPE  
STATION.

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1. REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAM "WEEKEND MAGAZINE" ON APRIL  
29 CARRIED APPROXIMATELY 8- MINUTE REPORT ON NORTHWEST  
CAPE STATION. REPORT BASED ON VISIT OF ABC TELEVISION  
TEAM HEADED BY RICHARD POULTRYMAN DURING EARLY PART OF  
APRIL (REFTEL) AT SAME TIME OF DEFENSE MINISTER BARNARD  
VISIT THERE. TELEVISION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTED UTILITY OF  
STATION IN PASSING MESSAGES ONE WAY TO SUBMERGED SUB-  
MARINES, ESPECIALLY STRATEGIC MISSILE SUBMARINES.  
POULTRYMAN PURPORTED TO READ FROM DOCUMENT SAID TO BE  
HANDOUT FOR NEWLY ARRIVED PERSONNEL AND VISITORS TO  
STATION WHICH CONTAINED SENTENCE TO EFFECT THAT STATION

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WAS VERY IMPORTANT IN PASSING MESSAGES TO SUBMARINES.  
NO MENTION WAS MADE OF USEFULNESS OF STATION'S TRANS-

MISSIONS TO SURFACE SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT.

2. GOOD DEAL OF PROGRAM WAS DEVOTED TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF STATION SITE INCLUDING SEVERAL OF TOWER ZERO. POULTRYMAN NOTED IN HIS DISCUSSION THAT MESSAGES FROM THE CAPE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM AS FAR AWAY AS PANAMA. ONE SHOT ALSO SHOWED A LARGE, PRESUMABLY NUCLEAR SUBMARINE, PLOWING ITS WAY THROUGH HEAVY SEAS. WHILE THIS FILM CLIP WAS ON, POULTRYMAN DESCRIBED STATION AS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL LINK IN U. S. STRATEGIC DEFENSE POSTURE. HE HAD EARLIER STATED THAT THERE WAS NO SECRECY ABOUT PRIMARY PURPOSE OF NORTHWEST CAPE STATION AND THAT IT REPRESENTED AUSTRALIAN COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE OF FREE WORLD.

3. COMMENT: WITH EXCEPTION OF CONCENTRATION UPON USEFULNESS OF NORTHWEST CAPE STATION IN COMMUNICATING WITH U. S. NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, TV PRESENTATION APPEARED TO BE FAIRLY BALANCED VIEW OF EXISTENCE AND NEED FOR THIS FACILITY. SHORT INTERVIEW WITH BARNARD AT END OF PROGRAM EMPHASIZED AUSTRALIANS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN THAT IT BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN STATION OPERATION AND THAT BARNARD WOULD DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS PROPOSED (NO DATES GIVEN) VISIT TO WASHINGTON.  
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